Re: Don Scott of Sudbury's telephone call to you
Dear Harold:

Your letter that arrived today, Monday, carried a note on a long telephone call you had with Don Scott of Sudbury on his JFK conference two years ago. In it you and he mentioned me.

I would clear up two points he made to you. I am rather saddened to hear how Don Scott befuddled things.

On the extended airplane ticket that Scott suggested I stuck him with I would note that I originally decided to back out of the Sudbury conference altogether because its last day coincided with you and Lil's enrobing at Hood College that I did not intend to miss. After a couple of telephone calls he agreed that they wanted me to come to deliver my paper, as they phrased it, and then depart when the schedule required to meet my flights to D. C. I gave an academic luster to the affair I think. [Although he was initially a little taken aback at my paper topic on the hole in JFK's back being evidence that made the single bullet theory untenable. I think he wanted a rip roarer theory. I recall his exact words. "Well we can have a paper on the crime itself."]

At no time did they mention a demand appearance at all sessions, and by meeting my terms well in advance did not and could not expect one. They agreed to let me come to D. C. Otherwise I would have cancelled. I was to receive a $200.00 fee for speaking, an honorium I think they called it, that everyone got. I told him to put the fee on the revised ticket price, if there were any additional fee for putting the D. C. hop into my ticket, which sometimes there isn't depending on the ticket agent, time slots, and specials going into D. C. with its more competitive market. They did and then of course did not pay me as they paid everyone else, which was fine.

I also informed him over the phone that if the price for the reticket required more than the $200 to make up the difference I would pay. It did not. If it would have been higher I would have paid. It was the damndest ticketing and pricing set up I ever looked at on my stubs and I could estimate only that it cost about the additional sum of $200, perhaps $20 lower.

Further I spent much time at the conference, the evening before the exhibits, celebrations, and dinners and meeting of the guests of honor, etc., talked with everyone there in the hallways and at their session booths. It was one lonely affair for me, talking to so many theorists. Some individuals flew in late for the last half of the conference their schedules not permitting them to come earlier, I presume.

What I did was not unusual. If they wanted me they had to do it my way. They knew in advance and had an opportunity to back out. At any rate, what did I miss?

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